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# Air Resources Board

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June 21, 2007

**TO: All Interested Parties**

**TOPIC: VESSEL SPEED REDUCTION FOR OCEAN-GOING VESSELS WORKSHOP**

Dear Sir or Madam:

As part of our efforts under the Diesel Risk Reduction Plan, Goods Movement Emissions Reduction Plan, and Assembly Bill 32 - Greenhouse Gas Initiative, the Air Resources Board (ARB) staff is evaluating the need to develop an ocean-going vessel speed reduction program. Ocean-going vessel speed reductions offer the possibility for significant reductions in emissions of oxides of nitrogen, oxides of sulfur, diesel particulate matter, and carbon dioxide.

Over the past six years, a voluntary vessel speed reduction program has been in place at the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach (POLA/POLB). The program requests that vessels reduce their speed to 12 knots beginning 20 nautical miles off shore. ARB staff is assessing whether a mandatory vessel speed reduction measure should be implemented at the POLA/POLB and at other major California ports, or along the coast where significant vessel traffic occurs. The assessment will examine ocean-going vessel emissions at ports and along the California coast, as well as potential emission and exposure reduction benefits associated with reducing vessel speeds. Other issues, such as cost, environmental impacts, and enforceability will also be evaluated.

ARB staff invites you to participate in the Vessel Speed Reduction Workshop meeting on July 12, 2007. The meeting will be held at the following time and location:

Date: Thursday, July 12, 2007  
Time: 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Location: CalEPA Headquarters Building  
Training Room 1 (East & West)  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, California 95814

Prior to the meeting, the agenda and the presentation will be posted on our website located at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/ports/marinevess/vsr/vsr.htm>.

*The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.*

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Interested parties may participate in this meeting via conference call. The conference call information is:

Phone Number (USA): 1-888-324-8119  
Phone Number (International): 1-210-234-0000  
Passcode: 26653

In addition to the Vessel Speed Reduction Workshop meeting, other ARB staff will hold a Shore Power Workgroup meeting earlier the same day from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The workgroup notice will be posted at:

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/ports/shorepower/shorepower.htm>

Directions to the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) Headquarters and public transit information can be found at CalEPA's web site at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/epabldg/location.htm>. If you have special accommodations or language needs, please contact Ms. Linda Keifer at (916) 323-4327 or [lkeifer@arb.ca.gov](mailto:lkeifer@arb.ca.gov) as soon as possible. TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service.

We welcome and appreciate your participation in this workshop meeting and look forward to meeting and working with you during this evaluation. If you have any questions regarding the meeting, please contact Mr. Hafizur Chowdhury of my staff at (916) 322-2275, or via email at [hchowdhu@arb.ca.gov](mailto:hchowdhu@arb.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

/s/

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Attachment

cc: Mr. Hafizur Chowdhury  
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